

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 9, 10, 13, 25, and 26 are pending in the application, with 9, 13, and 25 being the independent claims. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 9, 10, 13, 25, and 26 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 1-8, 11, 12, 14-24, and 27-31 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 9, 13, and 25 have been amended to independent form. It is believed these changes introduce no new matter and their entry and allowance is respectfully requested.

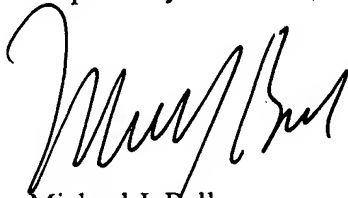
Based on the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing remarks demonstrate that entry of these amendments places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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